



DECLARATION AND APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE FOR CO-PENDING PATENT APPLICATION
CONTAINING ADDITIONAL SUBJECT MATTER

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as
stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of
the invention entitled VEHICLE FRONT-END QUICK CONNECT HITCH AND
LIFT ASSEMBLY, which is described and claimed in the United States
Patent application Serial No. 10/645,307 filed on August 21, 2003
herewith and that this application in part discloses and claims
subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed copending applications
Serial No. 09/661,518 filed on September 13, 2000.

As to the subject matter of this application which is not
common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not
believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States
of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or
described in any printed publication in any country before my or
our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier
application, or in public use or sale in the United States of
America more than one year prior to said earlier application.

The common subject matter has not been patented or made
the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of
said earlier application in any country foreign to the United
States of America on an application filed by me or my legal
representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said

earlier application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material

information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/661,518</u>	<u>9/13/00</u>	<u>Pending</u>
(Appln. Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
		(patented, pending, abandoned)
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		(patented, pending, abandoned)

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby appoint David W. Carrithers, Reg. No. 35,475, as my attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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